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RESPONSE
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Dear Sir:

Examiner

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 27, 2001 (paper No. 5). The document stated that the above application contains three different inventions defined by: Group I consisting of Claims 1-21, drawn to a method for producing an immune-stimulating composition; Group II consisting of Claims 22-24, drawn to a method for the treatment of cancer; and Group III consisting of Claims 25-33, drawn to an immuno-stimulatory composition comprising the bacterial extract and an extract from *C. arvensis*, and required an election of the invention to be examined. In response to the Restriction Requirement, applicants would like to elect Group I, Claims 1-21, drawn to a method for producing an immune-stimulating composition. The/election is made without traverse. Please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 22-33.